

was born Feb. 26, 1896, died August 2, 1896, aged 5 months and 7 days. Services by the write. S. B. GRISSE.

REED.—Earl Bently Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Reed was born Jan. 21, 1894, died August 6, 1896, aged 2 years, 6 months and 16 days.

S. B. GRISSE.

GOLDSMITH.—Little May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Goldsmith of Warsaw, Ind., passed away August 10, 1896, aged 3 months and 7 days. Services by the writer. C. F. YODER.

Matrimonial.

GARDINER—WOLFE.—Wednesday evening, Aug. 12, 1896, at the home of the groom's parents, brother and sister Geo. Gardiner, five miles north of Goshen, Ind., Eugene Gardiner and Lulu Wolfe of Buffalo, N. Y. May this young couple receive both temporal and spiritual blessings all along the journey of life.

A. R. BEMENDERFER.

PHILLIPS—BERKLEY.

Merry wedding bells rang out in south Ashland at high noon last Monday, Aug. 10, 1896, when Mr. Chas. Phillips, of Hiram, O., and Miss Sadie Berkley were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. Miller, of Ashland University, in his pleasing manner. Miss Bertha Myers and the bride's sister, Miss Lida Berkley, were the bridesmaids and D. W. Gans, of Cleveland, was the groomsman.

Following the ceremony, which was witnessed by about 25 guests, a delightful repast, consisting of all the delicacies of the season, was served. The happy bride and groom were showered with sincere congratulations and were the recipients of very beautiful and useful presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips will reside at Hiram, which place they left for Wednesday morning. Prof. Phillips is a student and tutor there, and is a young man of exceptionally good habits and strong character. Miss Berkley was very popular in college and town circles here, and she will be greatly missed because of her musical ability. She was favorably known as a singer and instructress in music.—*Ashland Press.*

Count up a man's calamities and who would seem happy? But, in truth, calamity leaves fully half your life untouched.—*Charles Burton.*

Book and Tract Work.

J. D. MCFADEN, - - EDITOR AND MANAGER.

I was riding with a brother in Kansas recently, when he left the cart and pulled up some cuckle burrs, he said he spent half an hour the day before pulling up the weeds, and all the stocks came from one stock he let go to seed last fall. As I watched him I thought, suppose it had been a stock bearing something good, what then? And my thoughts went to our church work. Sometimes let the cuckle burr stock grow and the harvest is more than we can handle. It is best to sow good seed, and that can be done in the way we are working.

Sometime ago, when in Polo, Ill., I had a friend tell me of her minister taking part with the Salvation Army then working in that town. He was opposed to the army, but a lady friend in the Sunday-school class defended the army. Her earnest words made the preacher think and he secured Mrs. Booth's book, "Under the Flag," and after reading it was converted to the cause, and when the army pitched in that town, he went to work with them for soul saving. A conviction, and a few earnest words resulted in good.

We all should be true to our convictions, and that means standing up for the truth, throwing an iron bar from one side of a narrow frame to the other, for the space of only a few inches does not seem to be much, but it means the passing of a train from one track to the other, and the successful passing of trains going in opposite directions. So a few words, the outgrowth of deep conviction often turns men and women from the track of sin to that of purity and truth.

"How careful then ought we to live
With what religious fear."

There is one mistake that must be rectified, that is the idea that it requires great sums of money to carry on this work. True, the more money we have, the wider the circle, but a very small sum wisely used will do a great deal of good. A few dollars will print thousands of pages of tracts, and good, earnest men and women can scatter and do wonderful good with but little expense. The Moody Colportage Associations are working along this line and doing much. The editor says:

"One of the great problems of the church to-day is how to support its work-

ers. Church visitors, missionaries, and other Christian workers could support themselves and be no tax on the church if they would take up the Colportage work during the day in connection with their other visitation. Thus the work could be multiplied indefinitely for the extending of the Master's kingdom. The plan of engaging a colporter in connection with the church has been successfully tried in several instances in connection with us, and has worked successfully. The profit on all books gives ample remuneration for services rendered. The readers of the RECORD can help the work of the Association, and also help stem the awful tide of impure reading matter, by calling attention of one godly man or woman to our need of colporters in every vicinity, for it is the aim of the Association to have a representative in every hamlet in the United States."

Oh, that men and women would get awake on the subject, awake to the importance of working, awake to the necessity of working with what we have. The needle of Dorcas was not much, but what good was done with it. The instrument we have may be small and imperfect in the estimation of the world, but used for the Master, it means the salvation of some poor soul.

Since writing the above, I opened a letter from a gentleman on business. In a previous letter I had enclosed a small card tract. It brought out the following facts about his religious life. Would that there were thousands of young men as earnestly engaged in working for Christ. He says:

"I notice by your letter heads you are a pastor. Perhaps a word or so about my religious life might interest you. I am a Presbyterian, a young man of 23. Ever since of age have been one of the elders in my church. Have been three times president of our Y. P. S. C. E. Two years superintendent of a country mission school, two years ass't superintendent of the school here, am general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of this city, have been for four years a S. S. teacher, am treasurer of our local union and was chairman of our last district Y. P. S. C. E. convention, and secretary of the last meeting of the Milwaukee presbytery."

That young man is not slothful in business. He is fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. God bless him and all others.

Read the Scriptures, they testify of Christ; read the Church papers, they chronicle what God is doing in the churches.